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Occlusion of facial features may be detected and assessed in
an image captured by a camera on a device. Landmark heat
maps may be used to estimate the location of landmarks such
as the eyes, mouth, and nose of a user's face in the captured
image. An occlusion heat map may also be generated for the
captured image. The occlusion heat map may include values
representing the amount of occlusion in regions of the face.
The estimated locations of the eyes, mouth, and nose may be
used in combination with the occlusion heat map to assess
occlusion scores for the landmarks. The occlusion scores for
the landmarks may be used control one or more operations
of the device.

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